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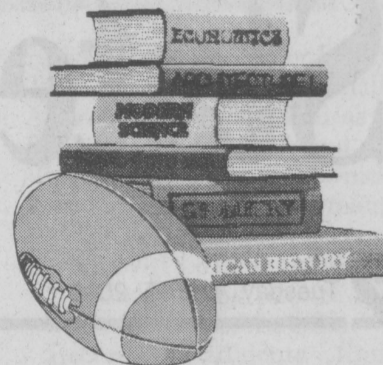
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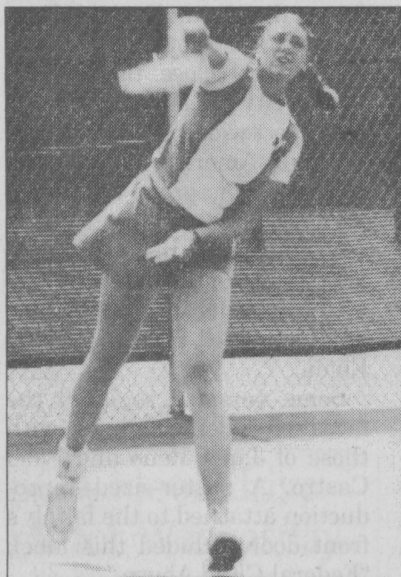
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Page edited by Rebecca Cantley



Sophomore tennis player Anna Mitina was named Female Athlete of the Year Monday.

Athletes of year announced

by AARON E. RUNYON
sports editor

Growing up in Sochi, Russia, Anna Mitina says she never understood why football was so important to Americans.

But the sophomore tennis player understands the significance of winning a distinguished student-athlete award and what it means to Marshall's women's athletics.

Mitina and former Thundering Herd quarterback Chad Pennington were awarded Male and Female Athlete of the Year

awards Monday at the 2000 Thundering Herd Olympic Sports Banquet.

"I absolutely had no idea I would get it," Mitina said. "It means a lot to women's athletics and I'm very proud to be on the same page with Chad Pennington."

Pennington was not present for the banquet because of NFL obligations.

About 300 people attended the event in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The event included Mid-

American Conference Commissioner Rick Chryst as keynote speaker.

"An event like this shows commitment of athletes to their sports," Chryst said before the ceremonies. "That commitment speaks great volumes and represents something more than ordinary. It is people chasing their own dreams."

The following student-athletes received recognition: Nicole Frizzo, who received the Linda Holmes Leadership Award for volleyball; Toni

Patillo for the Donna Lawson Leadership Award for women's basketball; Lindsay Pinkney for the Arlene Stooke Leadership Award for women's track and field; James Kneeland for the Ray McCoy Leadership Award for men's track and field; Kari Velasco for the Women's Cross Country Leadership Award; James Kneeland for the Men's Cross Country Leadership Award; Natasha Johnson for the Softball Leadership Award; Sean Reeder for the Baseball Leadership Award; Sam O'Dell

for the Golf Leadership Award; Kelly Peller for the Tennis Leadership Award; Wayne Bennett for the Men's Soccer Leadership Award; and Erin Locy for the Women's Soccer Leadership Award.

In addition, the women's soccer team was given the Dr. Jose Ricard Award for the highest composite grade point average for posting a 3.41 gpa during the fall 1999 semester. The men's golf team was given the Tom Scott Award for the highest gpa among men's teams with a 2.94 fall average.

Making journal searches easier

by JON P. ROGERS
reporter

Searching through all the journals on one subject in the John Deaver Drinko Library may become easier next month.

Now, if students need to access several academic journals from one field, they may find themselves on quite a hunt.

Wendy T. Moorhead, collection access librarian, often hears about that problem.

"One of our most frequently asked questions here is, 'Where can I find all the journals on such-and-such discipline?' There's been no way to answer that question because the journals are arranged alphabetically, not grouped by subject," Moorhead said.

In May, the journals in the Drinko Library will be given Library of Congress call numbers and will be rearranged.

"The call numbers on the journals will now match the books," Moorhead said. "If you are looking for a particular serial, then you can also look in the surrounding area for similar publications. There is so much to be gained from browsing."

Journals also will have subject headings in their computer profiles. Therefore, a computer search on a given topic will show not only which books are available, but related journals as well.

Moorhead said the changes will be made Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13.

"We're also switching over to a new computer system for the online catalog the same weekend, so it will be hectic," Moorhead said. "We looked into doing this before the move into

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Year-round program



photo by Cara Cooper

Teacher Assistant Judy Hensen serves a snack to 2-year-olds at the Child Development Academy.

Academy offering summer care

by CARA D. COOPER
reporter

Summer is almost here, and for many people, that means a time to relax. Right? Not for the employees at the Child Development Academy at Marshall University.

To them, it means the beginning of their summer program, which starts June 1, says Beth Lloyd-Boster, director of community programs.

However, she and Director Joan Adkins say many people may not know the academy offers services all year.

Boster says the summer program, designed for children ages 5-12, is the same as the after-school program the academy offers, but lasts all day instead of just a few hours.

"It gives us the time for more projects based on themes chosen for the week, such as television," Boster said. "If we choose television as the theme

for the week we will include educational discussions about television, as well as a field trip to a local station."

The academy also provides breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack for the children during the summer, she said.

Other activities planned for the summer are trips to the swimming pool and library and a summer reading program for older children, Boster said.

Boster says they are taking applications for the summer program, which is a five-day-a-week operation. However, there are options for parents who do not need full-time care for their children. Parents can choose either the Monday, Wednesday and Friday part-time option or the Tuesday and Thursday option.

Adkins says it is required in their contract that 60 percent of the available space go to Marshall University students and the other 40 percent go to

university faculty and staff and the community.

However, Adkins says it does not always work out that way. "Although we have the demand from the community, we choose to keep a higher percentage of room available to the students, because of their financial needs," she said.

Adkins says there is \$14,600 in student grants available through the Department of Education that will pay for child care. However, she says parents must have their child enrolled at the academy before they can apply for the scholarship.

"So far we have been approved for the grant this year and next year," she said.

Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs, says income is a factor in deciding who receives a grant, but is not the only one. She says scholar-

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Campus lacking in black faculty

by AARON E. RUNYON
sports editor

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series about the under representation of African American faculty. Part one explains the lack of faculty and the possible reasons. The second will report about the effects that under representation has on students and the final part will report on possible solutions.

As a star rebounder for the Thundering Herd basketball team in 1963, Philip Carter and his two African American teammates were three of fewer than 100 black students on campus.

Nearly 40 years later, the number of African American students has increased, but not many things have changed, in Carter's eyes.

"For several decades there has been a lack of African American faculty on the Marshall campus," said Carter, a social work professor and president of the Huntington-Cabell County NAACP. "The field is not level, the rules aren't there and the people just don't know how to play the game. When it comes to looking for African American faculty, there is a lack of procedures and processes."

According to the Statistical Profile of Higher Education in West Virginia for 1998-99, Marshall employs 17 full African American professors of its 466 full-time faculty, representing 3.6 percent of faculty.

David Harris, director of Marshall's Equity Programs, says university figures put the total at 16 black full-time, tenure-track instructional faculty for the fall 1999 semester.

Carter said much of the problem stems from the uni-

versity's lack of efficient recruitment.

"There is money, activities and policies to recruit African American students," Carter said. "When a university president is needed, we form a search committee that looks throughout the nation."

"We do the same for recruiting coaches for our athletic teams and we do the same when recruiting administration. We do the same when recruiting athletes. But there is a lack of desire for recruitment of black faculty."

Marshall University Graduate College in South Charleston has more than 5,000 students—and one African American full faculty member.

Many Marshall faculty and students think the university should have more African American faculty members.

Dr. Elaine Baker, psychology professor and director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, said Marshall's transition from a regional institution to a national-

ly-recognized one has not improved its diversity.

"We pride ourselves on being a national competitor and we think our curriculum has national stature," she said. "We pride ourselves on developing a national reputation, and so we've changed our perspective because we don't want to be recognized as just a West Virginia institution."

"But we really haven't changed our internal makeup. The student body is still mostly white and we have a higher percentage of African American students than African American faculty."

Harris noted the difficulty in recruiting African American faculty. "It's extremely difficult," Harris said. "There's a conservative effort from the

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Winning, television exposure draw attention from prospective students

Editor's Note: This is the first of a three-part series on the effects of a successful athletic program on a university. Part one will consider social aspects, part two economics and part three academics.

by EVAN BEVINS
for The Parthenon

"Nobody wants to be a loser."

That's according to Marshall University junior Paul Toviesi, a defensive lineman for the Thundering Herd football team, commenting on how his

team's athletic success can make the school more appealing for prospective students.

"The majority of people watch sports, so if you've got a winning team, they're going to want to go to your school," he said.

A winning athletic program may not be the deciding factor in a college choice, but success on the football field can lead to recognition off of it.

"I grew up knowing that only WVU existed in this state," Bobby Nutter, Clarksburg

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senior, said. It wasn't until Marshall's 1992 Division I-AA football championship that he heard of the school.

Marshall's move to Division I-A's Mid-American Conference (MAC) three years ago and the

team's continued success in football has led to increased television exposure. And that, according to Dr. Sarah N. Denman, senior vice president for academic affairs, means better name recognition in

recruitment markets.

"It's amazing what televised publicity can do for any institution," said Denman, who cited an increase in requests for application information from high school students in MAC cities.

For the past three years, Marshall has appeared on ESPN2 in the MAC Championship Game and the Motor City Bowl. This past season, the team defeated Toledo in a Thursday night game on ESPN and Ohio on Fox Sports Net,

bringing the Herd's national television record in the MAC to 7-1. Two of the team's games are scheduled to air on ESPN in 2000, a Sept. 9 road game against Michigan State and an Oct. 5 Thursday night home game against Western Michigan.

"It's very difficult to put a dollar amount on that kind of publicity, but we know it is very beneficial to the university," Vice President of Finance Herb

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Dead cat or ticking bomb?

CONYERS, Ga. (AP) — A woman trying to make the best of a bad situation ended up causing a bomb scare near Rockdale County High School. The woman ran over a cat near the school, said Conyers Police Chief Tony Lucas. Trying to do the right thing, she placed the cat's body in a box, taped it up thoroughly and attached a large sign to it explaining and apologizing for what happened. Somehow the sign disappeared overnight, and police discovered just the well-taped box. With the discovery coming so close to the anniversaries of the Oklahoma City bombing and the Columbine shootings, police cordoned off the area and called a bomb squad. But another officer told his colleagues that a woman told him she ran over a cat the night before and put it in a box. Officers found the woman just as the bomb squad was arriving.

Page edited by Carrie Smith

Arrest warrants issued in L.A. police scandal

Three officers allegedly framed gang member

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arrest warrants were issued for three police officers Monday in the first criminal charges to arise from the Los Angeles Police Department's corruption scandal. Sgts. Edward Ortiz and Brian Liddy and Officer Paul Harper were expected to surrender at a police station, said Geoffrey Garfield, a spokesman for the Police Protective League.

The Los Angeles Times, citing confidential sources, reported that the three were being charged for allegedly framing a suspected gang member on a weapons charge in April 1996. They must be charged by Wednesday, when the statute of limitations expires.

At least 30 LAPD officers, including three sergeants, have been relieved of duty in the wake of the corruption scandal. It began last year when an officer convicted of stealing cocaine from an evidence locker told

investigators of cases in which officers with the Rampart station near downtown framed, beat and shot innocent people.

Police Chief Bernard Parks has criticized prosecutors for moving too slowly to charge corrupt officers named in the investigation. District Attorney Gil Garcetti has said he had to move slowly to build stronger cases against the officers.

Ortiz, 43, Liddy, 38, and Harper, 33, will likely face charges of perjury, falsifying an arrest report and conspiracy for allegedly planting a gun on a man during a raid at a party thrown by the 18th Street gang, the Times reported.

The suspect, Allan Lobos, told investigators that "Liddy told him that he was going to jail for the gun and rubbed it up against Lobos' fingers" to mark them with fingerprints, court documents said.

Lobos pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a gun and was sentenced to a year in jail and three years probation. His conviction was among the 67 overturned since the investigation began, but he remains in prison on a murder conviction.

Elian supporters take protests to federal courthouse

by MILDRADE CHERFILS
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Women who had held morning prayers each day outside the home of Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives moved their protest Monday to the federal courthouse complex, where they accused federal agents of child abuse.

More than 60 women dressed in black gathered peacefully, holding the widely seen photos of the 6-year-old boy and a federal agent with a gun. The original photo was taken by a photographer working for The Associated Press.

"As mothers and children we are here to condemn the child

"As mothers and children we are here to condemn the child abuse perpetrated by federal authorities."

Sylvia Iriondo,
prayer organizer

abuse perpetrated by federal authorities," said Sylvia Iriondo, who organized the months of prayers.

At the Gonzalez family home in the city's Little Havana section, one lone protester stood vigil as the day began.

Earlier Monday, protesters honked horns and waved Cuban flags as they cruised city streets.

day, calling on supporters to shut down the area. Several large Cuban-owned businesses said they would close their doors, though city officials said they did not expect widespread problems.

Cuban-Americans are the largest ethnic group in Miami, with 800,000 in the county.

Neighborhood residents circulated copies of the photograph of an armed federal agent with his hand extended toward a crying Elian.

Some versions replaced the faces of federal agents with those of Janet Reno and Fidel Castro. A poster-sized reproduction attached to the family's front door included this label: "Federal Child Abuse."

College class studies hate groups' Internet use

by CATHERINE IVEY
The Associated Press

BOSTON — One shows an image of a slain gay man burning in hell. Another claims the FBI has declared war on white Christians. A third pretends to pay homage to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., then suggests the civil rights leader was a sex fiend.

They are radical, hate-driven Internet sites and they are increasing rapidly.

This fall, they also will be the basis for a communications class at Emerson College called Hate.com, which, despite the name, is not connected to any Web site.

Robert Hilliard, an Emerson communications professor, plans to use the sites to examine how radical groups use the Internet to recruit members.

Hilliard became interested in extremists when he stumbled

"People have got to know what these people (hate groups) are saying."

Robert Hilliard,
Emerson communication professor

across a far-right talk radio show, and later wrote a book on the topic with Boston College professor Michael Keith.

"We began to listen and we said, 'Here we were, communications professionals and we didn't know about these people,'" Hilliard said. "People have got to know what these people are saying."

Their book, "Waves of Rancor: Tuning in the Radical Right," was well-received and ended up on President Clinton's summer reading list.

Hilliard's says his class will examine how the groups target impressionable youth, how they multiply and how they foment rage.

More than 300 extremist Web sites are on the Internet, ranging from neo-Nazi alliances to gay and lesbian haters to Holocaust denials sites, according to the watchdog Southern Poverty Law Center.

The administration at Emerson supports the new course.

"As a college of communication, Emerson is committed to developing and disseminating knowledge not only about the processes and techniques of communication, but also about how they are used to influence society," said Emerson President Jacqueline Liebergott.

Hilliard and others emphasize that extremist sites are fully protected by the First Amendment and stress they are not calling for their removal.

briefly...

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Gusty wind prevented space shuttle Atlantis from lifting off Monday on a mission to repair and restock the international space station.

Launch managers said they would shoot for another attempt today. But the weather was expected to worsen, and NASA said it would decide before refueling the shuttle whether to wait until Wednesday.

NASA has only five minutes each afternoon to launch Atlantis. The launch window is shorter than usual in order for the shuttle to use the least amount of fuel to reach the space station.

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Angel needs to speak up

Marshall President Dan Angel has been here for almost four months. He's been inaugurated. We've given him time to adjust, right?

We were told earlier this semester by Dr. Keith Spears, senior vice president of communications, that Angel needed time to get used to the university and to bear with him. We took it as a “don't expect much out of him right away” thing.

Well, we're still not getting much out of him except for maybe the personality of a career politician.

Presidential reporter Stefanie Fraley has had her troubles with getting to talk to Angel this semester, but Monday was probably the worst. Her initial meeting was called off because of timing conflicts. She then arranged another meeting and went to meet Angel and he already had left. No one bothered to call either time to inform her of the cancellations.

Angel also has avoided topics this semester such as the alleged NCAA violations, homosexuality, and, most recently, race relations at Marshall.

There were special questions reserved for Angel in Sports Editor Aaron Runyon's three-part series on race relations at Marshall that begins running today. However, after about five times of calling and explaining his ideas to secretaries and vice presidents, Runyon had to go without one of the most important sources.

We're unsure of the deal. Has Angel still not adapted to his new surroundings. Is he still just too busy? Is he a career politician that doesn't want to comment on anything because of fears of making himself look bad?

Silence can be quite dangerous when there's a newspaper around.

We hope Angel can give us and all of you the time you need.

Napster tempting, but quite wrong

Most of us were raised not to steal. It isn't accepted for us to walk into a record store and walk out with a new CD without paying for it.

Yet, many of us are finding it quite easy to log on to Napster.com and steal the song of our choice.

The minute a new song hits the radio, it can likely be found in MP3 form on Napster.com. All the oldies are there, too.

With copyright laws aside, Napster allows songs to be downloaded without the artists' consent.

Although we like free things, we have to agree with the editorial to the far right.

Napster and those who download are doing something wrong — something illegal.

How do we expect for artists to continue making us happy with their sounds if we're stealing their music?

Avoid the temptation. Respect the artists. Buy their music, don't steal it.

Need advice? You can ask me

I was asked by a friend of mine Monday what I am going to do when my stint as Parthenon editor is over.

I said I really didn't know, so she suggested I become an advice columnist, only with a twist. Together, we decided to set up the column to totally elude the questions readers ask and make reference to Beverly Hills 90210 a lot.

I decided I should at least test out the format before I make any commitments to becoming an advice columnist. Since there was no time to receive actual letters, I decided to fake it, just to see how it goes. So please do not take any of the following seriously. Here goes ...

Dear Butch: I'm failing chemistry, but my lab partner found a copy of the final exam. Should I use it and pass the class, or should I study on my own and probably get an “F” for the semester?

— Confused Student

Dear Student: I don't know. The real question is: Why is our university named after a chief justice when we don't even have a law school? Figure it out and get back to me.

Dear Butch: My boyfriend



ASK
BUTCH

spends too much time with and talking about his mother. I feel she is trying to break us up. What should I do?

— Mad at Mom

Dear Mad: Remember that time, back in the day, when it was prom time at West Beverly High? Well, Andrea dreamed she was a murderer at the prom and Kelly was her target. Wasn't that strange?

Dear Butch: My roommate has this problem with walking around naked. He seems to think everyone wants to see his stuff. What do you suggest I do?

— Eyes Wide Shut

Dear Eyes: Right ... Anyhoo, have you ever wondered if Kent State was in the Mid-American Conference when the massacre there occurred?

Dear Butch: I think my sister is trying to steal my

boyfriend. It's really stressing me out and I feel like suicide is the only answer. What should I do?

— Worried in Huntington

Dear Worried: Gee ... that's rough. Anyway, remember that time on 90210 when Dylan and Brenda broke up? Oh and the other time, and that one other time? That was rough, too. Gee, I need a hot dog.

Dear Butch: I'm losing everything because of this marijuana and gambling problem I have. What can I do before I lose my girlfriend, too?

— In Danger

Dear Danger: Sometimes, when I'm bored I like to read. Other times, when I'm not bored, that means I'm probably doing something fun. So how are you doing?

OK, This is probably the most pointless column I have ever written. Anyway, if anyone really wants some pointless advice, drop me line, but make it quick. The Parthenon's last publication is Thursday.

Send questions to “Ask Butch” or criticisms of this column to barker14@marshall.edu.



Swapping pick-up lines with Dr. Love

It happened again. I was enjoying my spring break when I ran into Dr. Love, the doctor who claims to cure all ills in the world of romance. The good doctor started telling me about some of the pick-up lines he had started using on women. Then, as collectors of pick-up lines do, we began to swap.

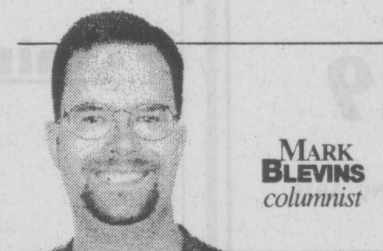
Unlike the doctor, I do not use my collection of pick-up lines in everyday life. I may use one as a joke on people I know or I may shock and amaze someone with my vast collection. I do not want to get punched in the nose, slapped, or have any other personal harm come to me because of a pick-up line.

I was curious to find out whether or not the doctor's lines had worked in the dating game.

“Well,” Dr. Love began, “I try to figure out who would be the most likely to fall for one of my lines, first. Then I hit ‘em with the line about how I'm sad and how I need a pretty girl to smile for me. Then I ask her to smile.”

“Does it work?” I asked.

“Of course! Women love that sort of thing! The cornier the better, I always say. Ask them if their



MARK
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columnist

daddy was a thief,” he continued.

“Wouldn't that offend someone?” I offered.

“No, because then you ask if their dad wasn't a thief then how did he get the stars from above and put them in their eyes?” The doctor roared with laughter when he said that line.

We continued to swap, but I had to ask: Do pick-up lines work? I've always been too scared to use them because most of mine are so terrible. And I don't like pain, either. I know Dr. Love has been injured more than a few times in the line of duty, so to speak. He has the cigarette burns to prove it.

Dr. Love assured me that the lines do work, but he also noted that one has to be careful. You have to know who to talk to and who to avoid, the doctor advised.

“Listen, you need to go out a

little later than usual. And remember to sit at the bar and scope the place out. Go for the direct approach because women dig that. Don't go sidestepping the issue. Let her know how you feel and just do it,” he said.

Well, the doctor had once again provided me with priceless advice. I did ask if he had any lines that I might want to avoid.

“Well, be sure not to wait around the bar too long before you approach them,” he warned. “You might need something to get your courage up, but if you wait too long you'll use a rotten line. You're ugly, but you intrigue me isn't nearly as smooth as you think. I found that out the hard way.”

Having said that, the doctor left. I feel the need to note that Dr. Love does not have a Ph.D. in any subject, but he figures that women really like doctors. Of course, I'm guessing most doctors don't go around wearing leisure suits with their phone number lit up on the back, but who knows?

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Napster halt is necessary

Staff Editorial
Indiana Daily Student
(Indiana University)

(U-WIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The Indiana University administration announced Friday its intention to ban Napster once again.

And its decision is warranted under the circumstances.

Heavy metal titan Metallica, well past its prime, turned the screws tight. The band charged that Napster, the highly popular MP3 exchange software program, infringed upon its intellectual property rights.

It named IU, Yale and the University of Southern California as defendants in the suit. The struggles of all three universities to formulate policy with regard to Napster have made the national news, rendering the suit all the more high-profile.

As the copyright owner of its musical compositions, Metallica is essentially contesting it has the exclusive right to distribute its work.

“Napster has built a business based on large-scale piracy,” the group's lawsuit reads. “Facilitating that are hypocritical universities and colleges who could easily block this insidious and ongoing thievery scheme.”

Metallica will probably be only the first to throw down the gauntlet and sue Napster.

Dr. Dre has taken to whining. He announced last week he was giving Napster until Friday to remove all his songs from the system. Dr. Dre, whose work includes “Nigga Witta Gun” and “Natural Born Killaz,” made it crystal-clear that litigation will be forthcoming.

Yale caved in right away, as Metallica intended.

IU quickly followed suit, with Christopher Simpson, vice president for university affairs and public relations, stating that “legal issues surrounding Napster will have to be cleared up.”

Accordingly, both universities were dropped from the suit.

The administration's response was the only appropriate one. Litigation would be needlessly costly and a waste of resources. While Napster might have recreational value for many students, the university would hardly be standing on principle in defying Metallica's coercion.

Napster does promote copyright infringement by disseminating sound recordings without the artists' consent. The musicians certainly do not get their cut from the arrangement.

Off-campus crimes must be reported

Staff Editorial
Daily Orange
(Syracuse University)

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Numbers don't lie.

But at Syracuse University, they don't tell the whole truth, either.

The 1990 congressional Campus Security Act requires all universities to report on-campus crimes. A subsequent amendment to the act also forces colleges to disclose statistics of certain off-campus crimes, too.

But loopholes in the law leave colleges to their own discretion in choosing what crimes to report. SU's Department of Public Safety takes dangerous liberties when deciding what numbers to publish.

Although they do disclose certain violations occurring on portions of nearby Marshall Street and Comstock Avenue, Public Safety is mum on crimes that take place in other university-area neighborhoods — neighborhoods where students have recently been beaten and robbed at gunpoint.

Reporting only half-truths is harmful and misleading to SU students.

It's an undeniable fact that attending college in Syracuse poses some threat of danger. It's the unfortunate trade-off that often accompanies urban living.

But that doesn't mean students should be denied access to the raw crime data about the place where they make their homes for four years.

SU attempts to run a slick campus safety PR campaign. It's failing miserably.

Administrators have stepped up to save face with angry area residents by establishing the Neighborhood Patrol Initiative with the Syracuse Police Department. And after meddling in off-campus student affairs on weekend nights, Public Safety is left with a fat pile of data about crimes involving students.

But instead of using it to clarify campus safety information, the department abdicates responsibility and files the ugly numbers away in a drawer.

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Taking risks or giving chances?

College football recruiters give pros and cons of taking partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers into their programs

Editor's note: This is the first of a three-part series on partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers in Division I-A college football. This part reveals the policies regarding recruiting and accepting partials and nons at all 114 Division I-A programs. The second part will look at Marshall's policies, and the third will focus on former nonqualifier and Thundering Herd defensive back Danny Derricott.

by **JACOB MESSER**
Life! editor

Many college football recruiters did not deem Peppi Pichette worthy of their time and attention during his senior season at Florence Township Memorial High School in New Jersey.

His statistics and accolades did not matter to them. Pichette was a nonqualifier with dyslexia and attention deficit disorder.

Pichette did not deserve consideration because, as indicated by his academic record, he would never make it in college, and, as a result, would never be able to play football.

But Temple recruiting coordinator Rocky Hager disagreed. Hager and the Owls took a chance on Pichette. It paid off — for the player and the team.

"He overcame a lot," Hager said of Pichette, a 23-year-old senior on pace to graduate this semester. "People said he would never amount to anything."

In the classroom, the criminal justice major overcame his learning disorders to gain his eligibility and earn a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. On the football field, the 6-foot-4, 272-pound defensive tackle overcame thyroid cancer to become a three-year letterman and collect 89 tackles and three sacks in his injury-plagued career.

"Peppi is evidence that those players can make it if they are given a chance," Hager said. "If you're willing to invest your time and effort, they're usually willing to invest their time and effort, too."

"And there are few feelings better than seeing someone who wasn't given a chance to succeed both in academics and athletics. Your players are like your sons. It chokes you up. There's more to what we do than play football."

Pichette and others like him are two reasons college football programs take partial and nonqualifiers — they can give deserving players a chance and they can get a quality athlete.

They also are two of the reasons 41 Division I-A schools are willing to recruit and accept nonqualifiers into their programs, according to information and data obtained via telephone calls to head coaches, recruiting coordinators and compliance directors at all 114 Division I-A schools nationwide.

"It's a two-way street," said Fresno State recruiting coordinator Dan Brown, who estimates his Bulldogs accept an average of eight partials or nons each recruiting class.

"He [the player] has an opportunity to get a college education and to play college football. We have a chance to get a great player."

Of course, not all partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers turn out like Pichette. Some gain their eligibility but do not become standouts. Some go to school but cannot gain their eligibility or keep it.

Those reasons, as well as conference guidelines, institutional decisions and coaching philosophies, keep other programs from accepting partials and/or nons.

For example, 43 of the 114 Division I-A programs have to meet league stipulations that restrict them from taking partials and/or nons or limit them to a certain number of those players in each recruiting class.

For example, the Atlantic Coast Conference, Southeastern Conference, Big 12 Conference and Pacific 10 Conference — four conferences that annually dominate the college football polls — have strict guidelines their members must follow.

Although their exact stipulations and guidelines may differ, the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big 12 Conference and Pacific 10 Conference have similar policies, league representatives said.

Members from those three conferences can take four partial qualifiers into their athletic departments, but they cannot take any nonqualifiers. The schools may take two partial qualifiers in men's sports and two more in women's sports, but they cannot have more than one in any sport.

The Southeastern Conference allows its members to accept two partial qualifiers and one nonqualifier into their football programs a year, Associate Commissioner Jim McCullough said.

Because of the rules they have to obey, few ACC, SEC, Big 12 and PAC 10 schools are willing to accept those players, league representatives said.

Of the remaining 30 programs, 14 accept partials only and 16 accept neither. Among those 30 are three military academies and 11 private institutions that have admission standards and costs higher than most public institutions.

Therefore, partials and nons cannot be admitted into the university and/or afford to go there.

In fact, only four of those 11 schools — Syracuse, Boston College, Texas Christian and Brigham Young — take partials.

Take Southern Methodist University, for example. Costs to

attend the Dallas-based private institution of more than 5,000 students is more than \$20,000 a year. Incoming freshmen have an average ACT score of 22 to 27.

Partials and nons can't get admitted there, much less play football there — and that's the way it should be, SMU recruiting coordinator Johnny Ringo said.

"College should be a place to get an education," Ringo said, "not a place to train for the NFL." Notre Dame compliance director Mike Karwoski agrees.

Incoming freshmen at the private Catholic university, which admits about 3,500 students a year, have an average SAT score of 1,300 and rank in the top 5 percent of their graduating class. As a result, the Fighting Irish have never taken a partial or a non in any sport, he said.

"If top prospects cannot get in academically," Karwoski said, "there's nothing we can do. If they can't be a student at Notre Dame, they can't be an athlete at Notre Dame."

Most of the recruiting coordinators from private institutions said the pool of athletes they can court is smaller because of their admission standards and institutional policies, but they said protecting their schools' reputation is worth missing out on top prospects.

"If you make a public statement that you're going to pursue athletes who haven't qualified," Northwestern recruiting coordinator Jeff Jenyk said, "that could lead to your institution developing a reputation of recruiting athletes for athletic ability only and having an attitude of winning at all costs."

"We don't want that to happen here, so that's why we don't take either of those."

The same is true for some public institutions, but most accept partials and nons. In fact, all 41 programs that accept both are public institutions. Moreover, the majority of programs that accept partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers are public institutions in lower-tier leagues.

Thirty-three of the 41 programs that accept partials and nons are independents or are from the Big West Conference, Conference USA, Mountain West, Western Athletic Conference or Mid-American Conference, all of which are ranked in the bottom half of Division I-A leagues in strength of conference.

For example, 11 of the 13 Mid-American Conference schools, six of the nine Conference USA programs, five of the seven Big West teams and four of the eight Western Athletic squads take both.

Why the trend? Two simple facts of college football: Great players with good grades go to the name schools in the elite conferences; great players with poor grades don't.

Partials and nons can go to prep schools or junior colleges to raise their grades and then transfer to Division I-A schools. Or they can go to small schools in lower conferences, gain their eligibility and earn a scholarship they may not have received otherwise.

"We recruit until the final whistle blows," said Louisiana-Lafayette's second-year recruiting coordinator, Tyke Tolbert, who took seven nons this past season and expects at least four of them to start in the upcoming season.

"We have to do that if we want to get a kid we normally wouldn't get. It's a great deal for us."

Eastern Michigan recruiting coordinator Tony Lombardi offers Detroit Lions quarterback Charlie Batch as an example of the benefits of recruiting partials and nons.

"Our ability to take partials and nons put us in the driver's seat with Charlie," said Lombardi, who estimates the Eagles accept 3 to 5 partials and nons each year.

"He was being recruited by West Virginia University, Pittsburgh, Virginia Tech — all the Big East schools. But he didn't qualify and they wouldn't take him. We hung in there until the end and we got him."

The result: Batch threw for 7,592 yards and 53 touchdowns in his career en route to breaking 15 school records.

The possibility of picking up "difference-makers" capable of posting record-breaking numbers is one reason coaches who can accept partials and nons cannot afford not to.

"Utah is not exactly a household name," said assistant coach Sean McNabb, noting the Utes have seven props in its program with four more in the upcoming recruiting class. "We have to use any advantage we can."

"If we can find an exceptional athlete we would not ordinarily be able to recruit and he has the motivation to succeed academically, we are definitely willing to take a chance."

Most coaches, however, do not take chances on partials and nons because of their athletic abilities alone. They have to be selective. A wrong guess turns into a wasted scholarship.

"It's not like a kid is going to get to college and change overnight," said Wyoming recruiting coordinator Rob Phenicie, who noted that the Cowboys have one non and no partials in their program.

"If you get a partial or non in, more than likely you're going to have to follow them around day and night and deal with their academic and social problems. You have to be selective because you have to make sure the ones you do take are going to make it."

North Texas recruiting coordinator Chuck Mills, whose pro-

Defining qualifiers, partials and nons

A "qualifier" is eligible to participate in intercollegiate athletics for four seasons of competition and can receive an athletics scholarship during his or her first year at a Division I school.

In order to be classified a "qualifier," you are required to:

- graduate from high school;
- successfully complete a core curriculum of at least 13 academic courses as follows:

English — 4 years

Mathematics — 2 years (one year of algebra and one year of geometry or one year of a higher-level mathematics course for which geometry is a prerequisite)

Natural or physical science — 2 years, including at least one laboratory course, if offered by the high school

Additional courses in English, mathematics, or natural or physical science — 1 year

Social science ... 2 years

Additional academic courses (in any of the above areas or foreign language, computer science, philosophy or nondoctrinal religion courses — 2 years; and

■ have a core-course grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) and a combined score on the SAT verbal and math sections or a sum score on the ACT based on the qualifier index scale.

A "partial qualifier" is eligible to practice with a team at its home facility and receive an athletics scholarship during his or her first year at a Division I school and then has three seasons of competition remaining.

A partial qualifier may earn a fourth year of competition, provided that at the beginning of the fifth academic year following the

student-athlete's initial, full-time collegiate enrollment, the student-athlete has received a baccalaureate degree.

In order to be classified a "partial qualifier," you have not met the requirements for a qualifier but you're required to:

- graduate from high school;
- successfully complete a core curriculum of at least 13 academic courses in the appropriate core areas; and

■ present a core-course grade-point average (based on a maximum of 4.000) and a combined score on the SAT verbal and math sections or a sum score on the ACT based on the partial qualifier index scale.

A "nonqualifier" is a student who has not graduated from high school or who has presented neither the core-curriculum grade-point average and SAT/ACT scores required for a qualifier.

A nonqualifier shall not be eligible for regular-season competition or practice in the first academic year and then has three seasons of competition remaining.

A nonqualifier during the first academic year in residence shall be eligible for nonathletics institutional financial aid that is not from an athletics source and is based on financial need only.

A student with a diagnosed disability who was not a qualifier may earn a fourth season of competition, provided the student-athlete has satisfied specified procedures and has completed at least 75 percent of his or her degree program at the beginning of the fifth academic year after the student-athlete's full-time collegiate enrollment.

gram has not had any partials or nons in the past five years, added, "You're wasting a scholarship on a guy who may not even make it when you could have used it on another guy. You missed two guys because of one. If you guess wrong, you're cutting your own throat."

Coaches said many factors determine who they will accept into their programs.

"We look at their high school gpa," University of Alabama-Birmingham recruiting coordinator John Neal said. "We look at their ACT or SAT scores. If they have decent gpas and poor test scores, they may be poor test-takers. We take that into consideration."

"We also look at their backgrounds, whether they come from dysfunctional homes or have learning disabilities. We see if they have poor study habits or not enough parental support."

"We interview their high school coaches and guidance counselors.

We look at all those things and determine whether they can be successful here."

The key, Ball State recruiting coordinator Keith Otterbine says, is keeping the total manageable. The Cardinals, for example, take one partial and one non a year.

"If we keep numbers down," he said, "we can keep a good grasp of them academically and socially. That's what you have to do. You're taking a gamble. You want to do everything in your power to make sure that gamble pays off."

If all is successful, the results can be beneficial to the individuals and the teams.

Just ask Brown, who has watched 20 of the 22 partials and nons Fresno State has accepted the past three years gain and maintain their eligibility.

"It's really a neat experience when you can take an individual who was turned down by everyone else and then they succeed with you," he said.

Breakdown of Division I-A policies regarding partials and nons

Atlantic Coast Conference

Florida State — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Georgia Tech — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Virginia — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Clemson — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Wake Forest — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

NC State — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Duke — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Maryland — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

North Carolina — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Big Ten Conference

Wisconsin — Takes both.

Michigan — Does not take either.

Michigan State — Takes partials only.

Minnesota — Takes partials only.

Penn State — Does not take either.

Illinois — Takes both.

Purdue — Takes partials only.

Ohio State — Takes both.

Indiana — Takes partials only.

Northwestern — Does not take either.

Iowa — Takes both.

Big 12 Conference

Nebraska — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Kansas State — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Colorado — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Kansas — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Iowa State — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Missouri — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Texas — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Texas Tech — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Oklahoma — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Texas A&M — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Oklahoma State — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Baylor — Can take 1 partial per year; cannot take nons.

Big East Conference

Virginia Tech — Takes partials only.

Miami (Fla.) — Does not take either.

Boston College — Takes partials only.

West Virginia — Takes both.

Pittsburgh — Takes both.

Syracuse — Takes partials only.

Rutgers — Takes both.

Temple — Takes both.

Big West Conference

Boise State — Does not take either.

New Mexico State — Takes both.

Idaho — Takes both.

Nevada — Takes partials only.

Arkansas State — Takes both.

Utah State — Takes both.

North Texas — Takes both.

Conference USA

Southern Mississippi — Takes partials only.

East Carolina — Takes both.

Louisville — Takes both.

Memphis — Takes both.

University of Alabama-Birmingham — Takes both.

Houston — Takes both.

Tulane — Does not take either.

Army — Does not take either.

Cincinnati — Takes both.

Mid-American Conference

Marshall — Takes both.

Toledo — Takes both.

Akron — Takes both.

Ball State — Takes both.

Kent State — Takes both.

Bowling Green — Takes both.

Buffalo — Does not take either.

Western Michigan — Takes partials only.

Eastern Michigan — Takes both.

Central Michigan — Takes both.

Northern Illinois — Takes both.

Miami (Ohio) — Takes both.

Ohio — Takes both.

Mountain West Conference

Air Force — Does not take either.

Brigham Young — Takes partials only.

Colorado State — Takes both.

New Mexico — Does not take either.

San Diego State — Takes partials only.

UNLV — Does not take either.

Utah — Takes both.

Wyoming — Takes both.

Pac 10 Conference

Stanford — Can take one partial per year; cannot take nons.

Oregon — Can take one partial per year; cannot take nons.

Washington — Can take one partial per year; cannot take nons.

Arizona State — Can take one partial per year; cannot take nons.

Oregon State — Can take one partial per year; cannot take nons.

Arizona — Can take one partial per year; cannot take nons.

USC — Can take one partial per year; cannot take nons.

California — Can take one partial per year; cannot take nons.

UCLA — Can take one partial per

year; cannot take nons.

Washington State — Can take one partial per year; cannot take nons.

Southeastern Conference

Florida — Can take two partials and one non per year.

Tennessee — Can take two partials and one non per year.

Georgia — Can take two partials and one non per year.

Kentucky — Can take two partials and one non per year.

Vanderbilt — Can take two partials and one non per year.

South Carolina — Can take two partials and one non per year.

Alabama — Can take two partials and one non per year.

Mississippi State — Can take two partials and one non per year.

Ole Miss — Can take two partials and one non per year.

Arkansas — Can take two partials and one non per year.

Auburn — Can take two partials and one non per year.

LSU — Can take two partials and one non per year.

Western Athletic Conference

Hawaii — Takes both.

Texas Christian University — Takes partials only.

Fresno State — Takes both.

Rice — Does not take either.

Southern Methodist University — Does not take either.

University of Texas-El Paso — Takes both.

San Jose State — Takes both.

Tulsa — Does not take either.

Independents

Middle Tennessee — Takes both.

Central Florida — Takes partials only.

Louisiana Tech — Takes both.

Navy — Does not take either.

Louisiana-Monroe — Takes both.

Notre Dame — Does not take either.

Louisiana-Lafayette — Takes both.

SOURCE: Information about members of the Atlantic Coast Conference, Southeastern Conference, Big 12 Conference and Pacific 10 Conference was provided by league representatives. Information about the other Division I-A programs was obtained via telephone interviews with the head coaches, recruiting coordinators and/or compliance directors from those schools.

■ — private institutions or military academies.

Baseball's losing streak continues

by **KIRK D. LIGHTNER**
reporter

The woes of Marshall's baseball team continued this weekend as it dropped four games to the Ohio Bobcats, extending its conference losing streak to 14 straight games.

Marshall is 12-25-1 overall and 1-14 in the Mid-American Conference. Ohio is 21-16-1 overall and 11-5 in the league.

"We just can't get it done right now," Marshall Coach Dave Piepenbrink said. "Things didn't work out and we just didn't play well enough to win."

The weekend got off to a

rough start Saturday afternoon at University Heights as the Bobcats beat the Thundering Herd 9-2 in the first game and 7-5 in the second game.

The Bobcats put five runs on the board in the first inning of the first game and never looked back. Ohio would score one more in the second, two in the third and one in the fourth to end its scoring.

Marshall picked up a run in the second and one more in the fifth inning to set the final score.

Tony Schiml picked up the win for Ohio, throwing his fourth complete game in as many starts in league play. He

improved to 5-2.

Mickey Plymale suffered the loss for the Thundering Herd, lasting only two-plus innings and surrendering seven runs before leaving the game.

Homer Renshaw and Bryan Colley led Marshall with two hits a piece.

The second game started like the first for Ohio. The Bobcats scored two runs in the first on a home run by left fielder Mike Arbinger.

The Thundering Herd came back to tie the score in the sixth inning, but couldn't hold on.

Ohio needed just one extra inning to claim the victory. The

Bobcats scored four runs off Marshall starter Sean Reeder in the top of the eighth to increase its lead to 7-3.

Josh Vergenz hit his first home run of the season in the bottom of the inning to set the final score.

"I don't know why we can't seem to hold on and win the close games," Piepenbrink said. "We just need to learn how to win those games."

Reeder took the loss for the Thundering Herd after throwing a complete game and allowing seven runs on 11 hits.

The two teams met again Sunday afternoon in Athens, Ohio. Unfortunately for Marshall,

the results were the same.

The Bobcats won two more games — 5-0 in the first game and 5-4 in the second game.

In the first game, Ohio's Ryan Keyes homered twice. Marshall's best scoring opportunities came in the third and fourth innings, when it had runners on second and third and failed to score.

Denny McGee picked up the win for Ohio, pitching a complete game to improve to 4-2. Steve Fowler (2-5) took the loss for Marshall.

In the second game, Marshall grabbed a 3-0 lead, but the Bobcats came back with two runs in the bottom of the sev-

enth to send the game to extra innings.

Andrew See retired three straight Thundering Herd batters in the top of the eighth and Tony Gandee scored the winning run after Arbinger hit a single to center field in the bottom of the inning.

Marshall starter Chris Wean suffered the loss to drop to 3-5.

"We have to get all aspects of our game together if we expect to win," Piepenbrink said.

The Thundering Herd plays host to VMI at 2 p.m. Wednesday at University Heights. It is the make-up of last week's postponement due to bad weather.

Weekend sports results...

Tennis

The Thundering Herd tennis team defeated Miami to claim Marshall's first Mid-American Conference regular season championship Saturday.

With the victory, Marshall (18-6 overall and 8-1 in the MAC) will advance as the top seed in the April 27-29 MAC Championship in Kalamazoo, Mich. The Thundering Herd's last championship came in the 1997 Southern Conference Championship.

Track

Marshall's men's 4x100-meter relay squad lowered the school record for the second consecutive week by recording a time of 41.13 seconds at Virginia Tech's Spring Gobbler Invitational Saturday.

The 4x100-meter relay team,

comprised of B.J. Epps, Andrew Blair, Derrick Dixon and Terrance Tarpley, cut .16-seconds off of its school record time at last weekend's Sea Ray Relays to finish second in the event.

Marshall's men's 4x400-meter relay team took first with a time of 3:18.9 seconds. The team also received a first-place finish in the shot put from Aaron Trammell.

Marshall's women's track team was led by Alicia Cain, who finished fourth in the shot put, eighth in the discus and ninth in the hammer throw. The Thundering Herd's April Craver finished fifth in the shot put, sixth in the discus and 11th in the hammer throw.

Michelle John finished seventh in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.82 seconds

and Becky Pouch finished ninth in the 1,500-meter run at 4:51.83 seconds. The Thundering Herd squads travel to the University of Pennsylvania April 27-29 for the Penn Relays.

Softball

After blanking Akron 1-0 Friday, the Thundering Herd split a doubleheader against the Zips with a 7-1 win and a 5-4 extra-inning loss Saturday.

Senior starting pitcher Natasha Johnson (8-6) earned her fifth consecutive victory, recording six strikeouts and limiting the Zips to just five hits.

The Thundering Herd travels to Akron today for a 1 p.m. doubleheader against the Bobcats.

Marshall is now tied with Bowling Green for first place in the MAC East Division.

Wilkens resigns as Hawks' coach

by **PAUL NEWBERRY**
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Lenny Wilkens has won more games than any coach in NBA history. He's also out of a job, resigning Monday from the Atlanta Hawks after the worst season of his 27-year career.

The resignation was announced at Philips Arena by team president Stan Kasten and general manager Pete Babcock. Wilkens did not attend the news conference but was reached by The Associated Press at his suburban Seattle home.

"The Hawks were very good to me," he said. "It's just time to move on."

The 62-year-old Wilkens, who coached the Hawks for seven years, had two years and \$10.4 million left on a lucrative contract extension signed in 1997. The team said it would contin-

ue to pay Wilkens until he finds a new job.

"I still enjoy coaching," Wilkens said. "I want to take some time off and just see what's out there. Hopefully, I will come to some conclusions, but I'm not rushing to do anything."

The decision was not unexpected after the Hawks struggled to a 28-54 record, their worst since moving to Atlanta in 1968. The team missed the playoffs for the first time since 1992, losing 25 of its final 31 games.

"We all concluded mutually that this was a good time to give everybody a chance to start from scratch, start a new chapter in their lives," Kasten said. "While we all agree this is the right decision, it doesn't diminish my sadness that this day had to come."

Before coming to Atlanta, Wilkens had stints in Cleveland, Seattle and Portland. His career

record is 1,179-981 and he won his lone NBA championship with the Sonics in 1979.

Wilkens, a nine-time NBA All-Star, and John Wooden are the only people elected to the Hall of Fame as both a player and coach. In 1997, he was honored as one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history and one of the 10 greatest coaches, the only person on both lists.

He got his 939th victory in early 1995, passing former Boston Celtics coach Red Auerbach. In 1996, Wilkens coached the U.S. Olympic team to a gold medal in Atlanta after serving as an assistant in 1992.

The Hawks had at least 50 victories in three of Wilkens' first five years, then finished second in the Central after battling with Indiana until the final week of the strike-shortened 1999 season.

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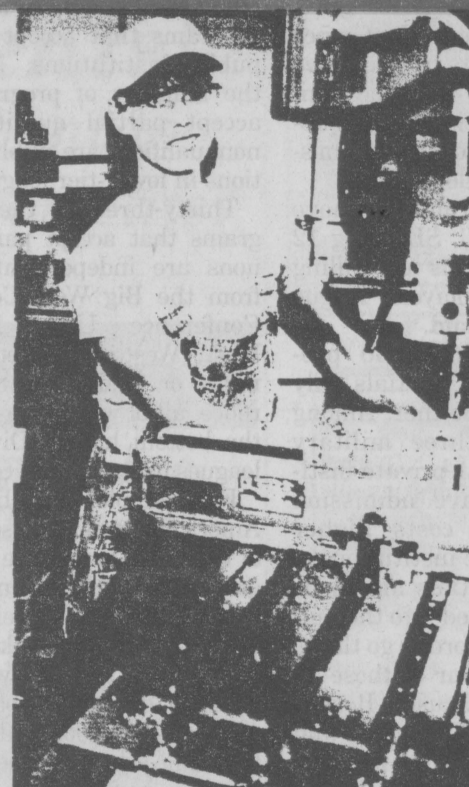
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